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SUBJECT: MARCONA - FINAL ROUND TO START WEDNESDAY, SEP 15

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1. MARCONA TEAM (EINAUDI, GANTZ, MARESCA) ARRIVED MORNING SEPTEMBER 14 AS SCHEDULED, AND MET WITH AMBASSADOR ANE EMBOFFS. AMBASSADOR INFORMED THEM OF HIS USEFUL TELEPHONE CONVERSATION EVENING SEPTEMBER 13 WITH PRIME MINISTER ARBULU, WHO HAD CONFIRMED HIS READINESS TO MEET WITH UNDER SECRETARY MAW AT A MUTUALLY AGREED TIME. PRIME MINISTER HAD CONCURRED IN AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THAT THE RESOLUTION OF MARCONA AND GULF PROBLEMS WAS VITAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES, AND CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY SAYING: "YOU CAN COUNT ON MY SUPPORT IN THE RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS."

2. FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA PUENTE AND AMBASSADOR STUBBS WERE NOT AVAILABLE (FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ATTENDING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING AND AMBASSADOR STUBBS IS REPORTEDLY ILL AND WILL NOT BE BACK AT WORK FOR AT LEAST ONE WEEK), SO EMB ECON COUN CALLED NEXT SENIOR MEMBER OF MARCONA COMMISSION, JOSE LUIS BROUSSET, TO INQUIRE ABOUT TIMING FOR COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL ROUND. BROUSSET INFORMED US
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THAT HE WISHED BILATERAL COMMISSION TO MEET AT 10:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY IN FOREIGN OFFICE. PRESENT FOR GOP WOULD BE BROUSSET (CHAIRMAN), DELGADO, YATACO, RUBINA, RUIZ DE CASTILLA, AND BARANDIARAN.

3. MARCONA COMPANY REPS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT RUBINA (MINPECO) AND RUIZ DE CASTILLA (CPV) WERE CALLED TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO MEET WITH PM STAFF SEPTEMBER 14, AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE LATER (PROBABLY AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 15) FOR MEETINGS WITH MARCONA OFFICIALS. MEANWHILE, WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH MARCONA PEOPLE (INCLUDING KEHOE, LOCAL REP; BILHORN AND HIS ASSISTANT JIM HALLISY; AND BRADFIELD FROM WASHINGTON). GORDON FURTH ARRIVES MRONING SEPTEMBER 15 AS WELL.

4. COMMENT: ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL RE-COMMENCE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING, AND CERTAINLY PRIME MINISTER'S POSITIVE EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPOR ARE ENCOURAGING.
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